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## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of  
the Week Collected for  
Our Readers.

Shot hole borers have destroyed many trees in orchards south and west of Molalla.

A change in the direction of the wind saved the town of Alsea from threatened forest fires.

Lyle Dixon, 22, of Woodburn, was drowned in the Willamette river, five miles south of Newberg.

Fire destroyed the lumber mill owned by Roy Hide in northern Curry county, causing a loss of \$8000.

All sprinkling will be prohibited in Portland unless water users immediately stop the waste of water.

Fire of mysterious origin at Huntington destroyed three frame buildings and a barn, causing damage estimated at \$5500.

C. E. Smith, R. J. Smith and F. R. Morrison were fined \$10 each at Salem for refusing to assist a federal officer in fighting a forest fire.

Reports from Willamette county, where farmers are engaged in haying, are that the crop this year will be about one-half normal.

The first shipments of The Dalles watermelons and cantaloupes were sent to the Portland market last week. Good prices were reported.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon District Medical society was held Monday and Tuesday at Bingham Springs, east of Pendleton.

Bobbie Burns and Dale Arthur, who escaped from the state penitentiary brickyard at Salem July 3, have been apprehended at Salt Lake City.

A fire in the holdings of the Mohawk Lumber company at Donna, in the Mohawk valley destroyed two trestles on the company's logging railway.

The 17th annual convention of the Oregon Editorial association was held in Tillamook last week with 150 persons present, representing 70 publications.

Half a million trout fry will be released in the streams of Coos county within the next 30 days. The fish were hatched on Coos river and near Bandon.

The historic Scott trail, which crossed the Cascades about three miles south of the present McKenzie pass, is now being reopened by a force of forest trail builders.

L. Eachus of Adrain reports to L. R. Breithaupt, Malheur county agent, that some of his Federation wheat went 97.5 bushels to the acre. This is regarded as a phenomenal yield.

Because of the extremely hazardous fire conditions prevailing throughout the state, Frank E. Elliott, state forester, sent telegrams to all district fire wardens to cancel existing burning permits.

Although The Dalles has an ample water supply, restrictions on its use have been ordered by the city commissioners, that farmers along Mill creek valley may save their crops, drying up for lack of water.

The Oregon Poultrymen's association will send a delegate to the national poultry council at Chicago August 10 to sit in conference with representative poultrymen from all other states on means of promoting the poultry industry.

Work started Monday on a \$500,000 structure to replace the burned building of the Pacific International Live-stock exposition at Portland. It is expected that it will be completed by November 1, in time for the holding of the annual exposition.

Charges against Pendleton meat markets that they sold sausages and hamburger in which sulphates were used as preservatives were filed in the local justice of the peace court. Four of them appeared and paid fines of \$25 and costs in each case.

Three members of the Astoria police force were discharged by City Manager Kratz on charges of delivering liquor for bootleggers, accepting presents from bootleggers, drinking with bootleggers, disobeying orders and conduct unbecoming officers.

Travel into Crater Lake National park continues to shatter all records. Up to July 22 a total of 7683 automobiles, bearing 25,034 visitors, had entered the park, as compared with 4001 automobiles, bearing 13,524 visitors, on the same date last year.

Over 20,000,000 pounds of prunes are already signed up in the new cooperative prune exchange, according to announcement given out by C. E. Spence, state market agent. Mr. Spence said that the new organization would commence operations in Oregon and southern Washington with ten local organizations. Other units it is declared will be organized and it is expected that a large majority of the orchards of the two states will soon be signed up.

A Lane county bridge crew started work Monday repairing all the bridges on the Willamette highway between Reserve and Oakridge. Travelers over the highway may expect to experience delays.

The Douglas county court signed an agreement with the bureau of public roads for construction of a forest road which will become a part of the Umpqua highway. Under the terms of this agreement the county appropriates \$10,000 to meet \$30,000 to be expended by the government.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Alfreda Thompson, Gresham, \$15; Charles C. Kinzer, Hubbard, \$12; Artlissa Handy, Cottage Grove, \$30; Thomas G. Blevins, Roseburg, \$18; Anton Kerowski, Portland, \$12; Arthur Johnston, Portland, \$12; Andrew A. Hickey, Portland, \$15.

Official reports received at the offices of the state forester from the Bald Mountain holdings of the Spaulding Logging company indicate that the fire loss there will be far less than first estimated. Little green timber was destroyed, the loss being confined to the destruction of seven bridges.

Frank A. Pim, illuminating engineer and representative of the Traffic Officers' association, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., was in Salem last week conferring with Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, with reference to starting a campaign in Oregon for standardization of automobile lighting equipment.

The annual southern Wasco county fair will be held September 16, 17 and 18. This will be the only fair in Wasco county this year, the regular fair have been discontinued and money appropriated for this purpose devoted to preparing a county exhibit for the state fair and the holding the southern Wasco county fair.

The dry season has made no material impression in the fall wheat crop of most of the farmers in the vicinity of Halsey, according to reports. Most of the fall wheat has been threshed and has proved a surprise to the farmers, yielding from 18 to 30 bushels to the acre, with a higher mark reached on the better land.

When water from the McKay dam reservoir, now under construction by the government, is available, a new plot of land east of Hermiston, not at present under irrigation, will be utilized by the state and federal government for a new experiment station. A quarter section of government-owned land has been set aside for this purpose.

In attempting to open a headgate of the Pine lake reservoir, M. A. Christenson blew out the whole gate and let the water escape. The lake is about 18 miles from Halfway, but the water is used on land around the town and is counted on for second-crop water by several hay farmers. The loss of water is more serious than the injury to the headgate.

There were three fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending July 24, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: John T. O'Hara, Knappa, timekeeper; George W. Hutchinson, Klamath Falls, carpenter, and A. Debole, Elgin, carpenter. A total of 595 accidents was reported during the week.

The Monmouth commercial club has issued a call for a celebration by all the towns of Polk county at Helmick park on the Luckiamute river, five miles south of Monmouth, on completion of the west side Pacific highway. The surfacing of the last connecting link has progressed to within 1 1/2 miles of Monmouth and it is expected the highway will be open for traffic about September 10.

Federal agents, deputy sheriffs and members of the Point Adams coast guard crew raided seagoing fishing craft, seizing about 175 cases of imported liquors and arresting five men. Two motor boats and a truck into which the liquor was being unloaded are being held for confiscation. The raid took place on the Skipanon river, near Warrenton, where the boats were discharging their cargo.

The cherry growers of Eugene and vicinity who pooled their Bings with the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, a county-wide cooperative farmers' organization, received 8 1/2 cents per pound for them, according to announcement by J. O. Holt, manager of the association. More than 180 tons of this variety of cherries were disposed of at this price, it was stated. This is a new high record for the postwar period.

Jealousy and business reverses are believed by authorities to have caused J. A. Horck, ex-automobile stage line proprietor, whose license last week was revoked by the public service commission, to shoot his wife three times, twice in the body and once in the head, in a room in the Sommer hotel in La Grande, killing her almost instantly. The shots were fired in the presence of their 10-year-old daughter, Lucile. Horck then dropped from a window 20 feet to the ground, ran down an alley and shot himself, fatally through the head.

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